

Robin Hood and the Shepheard :

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How Robin Hood, Little John, and the Shepheard fought
a fore Combat.*

*The Shepheard fought for twenty pound, and Robin for Betle and Bag ;
But the Shepheard stout, gave them the rout, so sore they could not wag.
The Tune is, Robin and Queen Katherine.*



All Gentlemen and Women good,
down adown, adown, adown,
I with you to draw near,
for a story of gallant bold Robin Hood
Unto you I will declare,
down a, &c.
As Robin Hood walkt the Forest along,
down a, &c.
Some pastime for to spie,
there was he aware of a jolly Shepheard
That on the ground did lie,
down a &c.
Arise, arise, cried jolly Robin,
down a, &c.
And now come let me see
What is in thy bag and bottle (I say)
Come tell it unto me,
down a, &c.
What's that to thee thou proud fellow,
down a, &c.
Tell me as I do stand
What thou hast to do with my bag and bottle,
Let me see thy command,
down a &c.
My sword which hangeth by my side,
down a &c.
Is my command I know,
come and let me taste of thy bottle,
For it may breed thy we,
down a &c.

But the Devil a drop thou proud fellow,
down a &c.
Of my bottle thou shalt see,
until thy valour here be tried
Whether thou wilt fight or flee,
down a &c.
What shall we fight for cries bold Robin Hood
down a &c.
Come tell it soon to me,
here is twenty pounds in good Red Gold
Win it and take it thee,
down a &c.
The Shepheard stood all in amaze,
down a &c.
And knew not what to say :
I have no money thou proud fellow
But bag and bottle lie lay,
down a &c.
I am content thou Shepheard swain,
down a &c.
Fling them down on the ground,
but it will breed thee mickle pain
To win my twenty pound,
down a &c.
Come draw thy sword thou proud fellow,
thou stands too long to prate,
This hook of mine shall let thee know
a reward I do hate,
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So they fell to it full hardy and soze,

down a down a down a down,

It was on a Summers day,

From four till ten in the Afternoon,

The Shepherd held him play,

down a &c.

Robins Buckler proved his chiefest defence,

down a &c.

And sabel him many a bang,

for every blow the Shepherd gave

Made Robins sword cry twang,

down a &c.

Many a sturdie blow the Shepherd gave,

down a &c.

And that bold Robin found,

till the blond ran trickling from his head,

And then he fell to the ground,

down a &c.

Arise, arise thou proud fellow,

down a &c.

And thou shalt have fair play,

if thou wilt yield before thou go

That I have won the day,

down a &c.

A bon a bon cried bold Robin,

down a &c.

If that a man thou be,

then let me take my beugle horn

And blow but blais thee.

down a &c.

I will not thee deny,

for if thou shouldst blow till to morrow morn

I scorn one fat to die,

down a &c.

Then Robin set his horn to his mouth,

down a &c.

And he blew with mickle main,

until he espied little John

Come tripping over the plain,

down a &c.

Who is yonder thou proud fellow,

down a &c.

What comes down yonder hill;

yonder is little John, bold Robins Hoods man,

Shal fight with thee thy fill.

down a &c.

What is the matter saies little John,

down a &c.

Passer come tell to me;

my case is great cries Robin Hood,

For the Shepherd hath beaten me,

down a &c.

I am glad of that cries little John,

down a &c.

Shepherd turn thou to me;

for a bout with thee I mean to have,

Either come fight or flee.

down a &c.

With all my heart thou proud fellow,

down a &c.

For it never shall be said,

that a Shepherds hok of thy sturdie look,

til one yet be dismissed.

down a &c.

So they fell to it full hardy and soze,

down a &c.

Striving for victorie,

He know saith John are we the ore,

Whether thou wilt fight or flee,

down a &c.

The Shepherd gave John a sturdie blow,

down a &c.

With his hok under the chin,

below thy heart said Little John,

Thou baselle dost begin.

down a &c.

Pay that's nothing said the Shepherd,

down a &c.

Either yield to me the date.

or I will bring thee back and sides

Before thou go'st thy way.

down a &c.

What dost thou think thou proud fellow,

down a &c.

What thou canst conquer me;

may thou that know before thou go,

Ile fight before ile flee.

down a &c.

The Shepherd he began:

hold, hold, cried Bold Robin Hood,

I will yield the wager won.

down a &c.

With all my heart said Little John,

down a &c.

So that I will agree,

for he is the flower of Shepherds Swains,

The like I did never see.

down a &c.

Thus have you heard of Robin Hood,

down a &c.

Also of Little John,

how a Shepherd Swain did conquer them,

The like did never none.

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